GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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RECONSTITUTION OF STATE HAJ COMMITTEES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the States which have timely reconstituted State Haj Committees and also those which have not reconstituted it as on date;

(b) whether the Government has requested such States to reconstitute State Haj Committees at the earliest; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time frame fixed for the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) In terms of Haj Committee Act 2002 which came into force on 5th December, 2002 and Government of India Gazette notification No. 110 dated 4th February, 2003, all the States/Union Territories were requested to constitute their State Haj Committees by 15th March, 2003. The following six States constituted their State Haj Committees by the stipulated date:

1. Assam
2. Kerala
3. Maharashtra
4. Manipur
5. Rajasthan
6. Uttaranchal

Since then, the following 17 States/Union Territories have also constituted their State Haj Committees:

1. Andaman & Nicobar Islands
2. Andhra Pradesh
3. Bihar
4. Chattisgarh
5. Dadar & Nagar Haveli
6. Daman & Diu
7 Himachal Pradesh
8. Madhya Pradesh
9. Meghalaya
10. Mizoram
11. Nagaland
12. Orissa
13. Punjab
14. Tamil Nadu
15. Tripura
16. Uttar Pradesh
17. West Bengal

(Assam had constituted its State Haj Committee on 13.3.2003; a Joint State Haj Committee of Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Mizoram has also later been constituted on 4.6.2005)

The following 12 States/Union Territories have so far not constituted their respective Haj Committees:

1. Arunachal Pradesh
2. Chandigarh
3. Delhi
4. Goa
5. Gujarat
6. Haryana
7 Jammu & Kashmir
8. Jharkhand
9. Karnataka
10. Lakshadweep
11. Pondicherry
12. Sikkim

(b) Yes.

(c) In its communications of 28.2.2003, 13.8.2003 and 7.6.2004, the Government has reminded various State/Union Territories for early constitution of the State Haj Committees. In his address at the All India Conference for Haj 2005 held in New Delhi on 27th October, 2004 and at the All India Conference for Haj 2006 held in New Delhi on 6th June, 2005, the External Affairs Minister had also called upon those States/Union Territories which have not so far constituted their respective State Haj Committees to do so expeditiously.